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Report

Water Lines

SDW Hotline Report

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Top Ten Caller Topics

Topic	Number of Questions	Percent of Total* Questions
Tap Water Testing	287**	13
Local Drinking Water Quality	180	8
Lead	141	6
CCR	135	6
Stage 2 DBPR	116	5
Household Wells	92	4
Home Water Treatment Units	90	4
Complaints About PWSs	82	4
Public Notification	79	4
UCMR	74	3

*A total of 2,241 questions from callers were answered by the Hotline in the 2nd Quarter of FY 2007.

**Citizens who obtain their drinking water from private household wells asked 12 percent of the tap water testing questions.

Calls and ECSS Questions and Comments

Calls***	ECSS Questions****	Total
1,927	179	2,106

***A single call may generate multiple questions.

**** Questions registered through EPA's Enterprise Customer Service Solution knowledge base at the OGWDW Web site.

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What's New

New Publications:

Arsenic in your Drinking Water – Just the Facts for Consumers (EPA816-F-07-002, March 2007) is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic/pdfs/fs_arsenic_justthefactsforconsumers.pdf.

Complying with the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule: Small Entity Compliance Guide (EPA815-R-07-015, February 2007) is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/lt2/pdfs/guide_lt2_stepguide_smallentitycomplianceguide.pdf.

Complying with the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule: Small Entity Compliance Guide (EPA815-R-07-014, February 2007) is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/stage2/pdfs/guide_st2_stepguide_smallentitycomplianceguide.pdf.

Final UIC Program Guidance #83, *Using the Class V Experimental Technology Well Classification for Pilot Carbon Geologic Sequestration Projects*, is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/pdfs/guide_uic_carbonsequestration_final-03-07.pdf.

The draft agenda for the second workshop on the development of regulations for aircraft public water systems is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/airlinewater/reg_meetings.html.

Presentations from the total coliform rule distribution system stakeholder technical workshop are available at www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/tcr/regulation_revisions.html.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund National Information Management System (DWNIMS) data from 2006 is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf/dwnims.html.

Reference Guide for the Second Cycle of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR 2) (EPA815-R-06-016, December 2006) is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/ucmr/ucmr2/pdfs/guide_ucmr2_referenceguide.pdf.

Did You Know?

The three primary chemical agents used in chlorine disinfection are: free chlorine, chloramine (chlorine and ammonia bonded together), and chlorine dioxide (chlorine and oxygen bonded together) (American Water Works Association).

Calendar:

Who?	What?	Where?	When?	More Information
EPA	Workshop on the Development of Regulations for Aircraft Public Water Systems	Arlington, VA	March 28 & 29, 2007	www.epa.gov/safewater/airlinewater/reg_meetings.html
EPA	Implementation Overview for the Second Cycle of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR 2)	Web cast	February 8, 13, & 21, 2007	www.epa.gov/safewater/ucmr/calendar.html
EPA	Total Coliform Rule Technical Workshop	Washington, DC	January 30 – February 1, 2007	www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/tcr/regulation_revisions.html
EPA	Stage 2 DBPR and LT2ESWTR Compliance and Assistance Tools for Systems	Web cast	January 23 & 25, 2007	www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/training.html
EPA	Total Coliform Rule Technical Workshop Preparatory Web cast	Web cast	January 17, 2007	www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/tcr/regulation_revisions.html
EPA	Stage 2 DBPR and LT2ESWTR Complete Rule Overview	Web cast	January 16 & 18, 2007	www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/training.html
EPA	Drinking Water Security Workshops	Various	On-going	www.epa.gov/safewater/security
DWA	SDW Regulatory Compliance Training	Various	On-going	www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa/calendar.html

Quarterly Trend

On January 4, 2007, EPA published the final Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR 2). Shortly after publication of the final rule, EPA sent out notices to large (those serving 100,000 persons or more) public water systems (PWSs) that would be required to monitor under UCMR 2. A previous letter, sent out on August 28, 2006, contained the customer retrieval key (CRK) for each PWS. Systems were urged to use their CRK to register in the central data exchange (CDX) to input information into the Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS) for UCMR 2. During the second quarter of FY 2007, the Hotline received 74 calls from PWSs concerning the CRK and the applicability of UCMR 2. Hotline staff worked closely with EPA's Technical Support Center (TSC) in Cincinnati, OH to assist PWSs and laboratories with implementation of the UCMR 2.

Frequently Asked Qs & As

This section provides answers to frequently asked questions not necessarily represented in one of the Top Ten Topic categories.

Q: EPA has developed an electronic data reporting system for public water systems (PWSs) subject to the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation 2 (UCMR 2). This reporting system, the Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS), has been pre-populated with large system sample location inventory, such as PWS identification number, name, facility identification, source water type, and sample point identification, name, and type. Where did this inventory information come from?

A: EPA pre-populated the large system sample location inventory for UCMR 2 using recent large system information provided by some states. In addition, inventory information from the SDWARS, version 1.0 used during UCMR 1 and some information from the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) was used. PWSs are responsible for verifying and correcting this inventory information as well as adding any new facility information or sampling points. Systems have 210 days from the publication of the January 4, 2007, final UCMR 2 Rule (i.e., until August 2, 2007) to complete this process. This information and other essential elements of UCMR 2 can be found in the *Reference Guide for the Second Cycle of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation* (EPA815-R-06-016, December 2006), available at www.epa.gov/safewater/ucmr/ucmr2/pdfs/guide_ucmr2_referenceguide.pdf.

Q: Is it possible to edit the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation 2 (UCMR 2) public water system (PWS) inventory data that is pre-populated in the Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS)?

A: Systems have until August 2, 2007 to revise sampling location and monitoring schedules in SDWARS. After August 2, 2007, a system must notify EPA directly if there are sampling location or inventory changes, or if the system cannot sample according to the established schedule.

Q: The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR) 1 Monitoring Program was comprised of three separate lists of contaminants. Is there a Pre-Screen Testing List (List 3) of contaminants under UCMR 2?

A: Pre-Screen Testing, the third tier of UCMR monitoring that is designed for priority "List 3" contaminants, is not required under UCMR 2. EPA retained the regulatory language that supports Pre-Screen Testing authority as part of the three-tiered UCMR framework. If EPA decides to include Pre-Screen Testing, EPA will initiate a rulemaking action to propose List 3 contaminants and their associated analytical methods (72 FR 368, 371; January 4, 2007).

Q: A consecutive system is a public water system (PWS) that receives some or all of its finished water from one or more wholesale systems (40 CFR 141.2). Are consecutive systems subject to the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR 2)?

A: Consecutive community water systems (CWSs) and consecutive non-transient non-community water systems (NTNCWSs) that purchase all of their finished water from another system are not subject to UCMR 2. CWSs and NTNCWSs that do not purchase their entire water supply as finished water from another PWS must monitor according to the applicable requirements (40 CFR 141.40(a)(2)).

Q: When is a public water system (PWS) required to monitor for beta particles and photon emitters?

A: Beta particle and photon radioactivity monitoring will be performed only by community water systems (CWSs) designated by the state as "vulnerable" or "contaminated." CWSs (both surface and ground water) designated by the state as vulnerable must collect quarterly samples for beta emitters and annual samples for tritium and strontium-90 at each entry point to the distribution system, beginning within one quarter after being notified by the state. Systems already designated by the state must continue to sample until the state reviews and either reaffirms or removes the designation.

CWSs (both surface and ground water) designated by the state as utilizing waters contaminated by effluents from nuclear facilities must collect quarterly samples for beta emitters and iodine-131 and annual samples for tritium and strontium-90 at each entry point to the distribution system, beginning within one quarter after being notified by the state until the state reviews and either reaffirms or removes the designation (40 CFR 141.26(b)).

Q: What are the requirements for becoming certified as an operator of a public water system (PWS)? Does EPA have some sort of test procedure?

A: EPA does not provide PWS operator certification. Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of

1996, EPA developed and issued guidelines specifying minimum standards for certification and recertification of the operators of community and non-transient, non-community PWSs. States are required to implement these guidelines or an equivalent state program. In addition, EPA will reimburse the training and certification costs for operators of smaller systems (those serving less than 3,300 persons) by providing grants to states.

Information about the operator certification program is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/opcert/opcert.htm.

Quarterly Summary of Hotline Service

Total number of calls answered	1,927
Total number of ECSS question and comments	179
Average wait time (in seconds)	63
Percent of calls satisfied immediately	99.9%
Percent of all calls answered in < 5 min	89.9%
Percent of callbacks answered in 5 days	100%
Number of times callers were transferred to the WSC Wellcare Hotline	492
Number of times callers listened to recorded message about CCRs	270
Number of times callers listened to recorded message about local drinking water quality for PWS customers	391
Number of times callers listened to recorded message about tap water testing and quality for household well owners	268
Number of times callers listened to recorded message about tap water testing for PWS customers	497

Comparison to Previous Year

	Calls	ECSS Questions and Comments
2nd Quarter FY 2007	1,927	179
2nd Quarter FY 2006	2,242	241

Top Ten Referrals

Inquiry Referred to:	Number of Referrals	Percent of Total* Referrals
State Lab Certification	182	21
State PWSS	139	16
Local Water System	129	15
EPA Internet	89	10
NSF/WQA/UL	77	9
AGWT/WSC	53	6
Combined Regions	42	5
Other Hotlines	29	3
FDA/IBWA	24	3
Local Public Health	12	1

*A total of 873 referrals to other resources, agencies, and organizations were provided by the Hotline in the 2nd Quarter of FY 2007.

Customer Profiles

Customer	Calls
Analytical Laboratories	27
Citizen - Private Well	121
Citizen - PWS	1036
Consultants/Industry/Trade (DW)	147
Consultants/Industry/Trade (Other)	37
Environmental Groups	3
EPA	18
Other Federal Agency	13
Government, Local	12
Government, State	35
Government, Tribal	2
Spanish Speaking	21
International	3
Media	4
Medical Professional	6
Public Water System	332
Schools/University	34
Other	76
TOTALS	1,927

ECSS Activities

Topic	Number of Questions and Comments
Arsenic	6
Bottled Water	5
Compliance/Issues (PWS)	12
Consumer Concerns	17
Contaminants and Standards	35
Definitions	4
Facts, Figures, and Databases	5
Household Wells	16
Other	36
Local Drinking Water Quality	24
Long Term 2 ESWT Rule	5
Source Water Protection	3
Stage 2 D/DBP Rule	7
Tap Water Testing	4
TOTALS	179

Caller Question Topics

Topics	Number of Questions
Microbials/Disinfection Byproducts	
Chlorine	29
Coliforms	72
Cryptosporidium	14
Disinfection/Disinfection Byproducts (Other)	25
Long Term 2 ESWTR	48
Other Microbials	22
Stage 2 D/DBPR	116
Surface Water Treatment (SWTR, ESWTR, LT1FBR)	6
Trihalomethane (THM)	11
Home Water Disinfection	9
Home Water Storage	9
Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)/Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOC)	
Arsenic	25
Fluoride	25
Methyl- <i>tertiary</i> -butyl-ether (MTBE)	2
Perchlorate	2
Phase I, II & V	43
Sodium Monitoring	6
Sulfate	0
Lead and Copper	
Copper	14
Lead	141
Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA)/Lead Ban	8
Radionuclides	
Radionuclides (Other)	46
Radionuclides (Radon)	61
Secondary DW Regulations	
Secondary DW Regulations	35
SDWA Background/Overview	
Definitions & Applicability	22
MCL List	72
Other Background	41
SDWA	59

Topics	Number of Questions
Water on Tap	0
Other DW Regulations	
Analytical Methods (DW)	22
Contaminant Candidate List/ Drinking Water Priority List	6
Consumer Confidence Report (DW)	135
DW Primacy (PWS)	3
Operator (PWS) Certification	13
Other Drinking Water Security	6
Public Notification (PWS)	79
Security Planning Grants	0
State Revolving Fund (DW)	0
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR)	74
Other Drinking Water	
Additives Program	14
Bottled Water	37
Complaints about PWS	82
Compliance & Enforcement (PWS)	31
Home Water Treatment Units	90
Infrastructure/Cap. Development	3
Local DW Quality	180
Tap Water Testing	287
Treatment/BATs (DW)	11
Drinking Water Source Protection	
Ground Water Rule	13
Sole Source Aquifer	5
Source Water/Wellhead Protection	17
UIC Program	9
Out of Purview	
Household Wells	92
Non-Environmental	20
Non-EPA Environmental	21
Other EPA (Programs)	28
TOTALS	2,241

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Answers to questions in the Safe Drinking Water Hotline quarterly report are intended to be purely informational and are based on SDWA provisions, EPA regulations, guidance, and established policy effective at the time of publication. The answers given reflect EPA staff's best judgment at the time and do not represent a final or official EPA interpretation. This report does not substitute for the applicable provisions of statutes and regulations, guidance, etc., nor is it a regulation itself. Thus, it does not impose legally-binding requirements on EPA, States, or the regulated community. An answer to a question in this report may be revised at any time to reflect EPA's revisions to existing regulations, changes in EPA's approach to interpreting its regulations or statutory authority, or for other reasons. EPA may provide a different answer to a question in this report in the future.

Also, an answer provided in this report may not apply to a particular situation based upon the circumstances. Any decisions regarding a particular case will be made based on the applicable statutes and regulations. Therefore, interested parties are free to raise questions and objections about the appropriateness of the application of an answer in this report to a particular situation, and EPA will consider whether or not the recommendations or interpretations in the answer are accurate and appropriate in that situation. The information in this report is not intended, nor can it be relied upon, to create any rights enforceable by any party in litigation with the United States.

ECSS Service Summary

Date	Searches	Answers Viewed	Sessions	Hits	Web Questions
1/1/2007	67	85	75	240	3
1/2/2007	91	88	99	279	3
1/3/2007	60	110	111	288	3
1/4/2007	173	195	129	496	2
1/5/2007	120	102	112	320	1
1/6/2007	7	64	80	137	1
1/7/2007	62	48	124	387	0
1/8/2007	96	130	141	371	2
1/9/2007	114	118	113	341	4
1/10/2007	62	104	163	482	2
1/11/2007	44	124	108	278	0
1/12/2007	59	78	109	282	6
1/13/2007	45	77	85	218	5
1/14/2007	15	59	72	133	0
1/15/2007	112	208	132	470	5
1/16/2007	155	189	117	530	3
1/17/2007	147	138	218	673	3
1/18/2007	82	112	121	331	3
1/19/2007	92	107	138	340	0
1/20/2007	27	81	144	428	1
1/21/2007	39	101	108	250	2
1/22/2007	115	137	110	357	1
1/23/2007	115	132	174	603	1
1/24/2007	182	156	142	469	1
1/25/2007	99	109	145	353	2
1/26/2007	58	67	121	248	2
1/27/2007	46	50	89	162	3
1/28/2007	45	58	89	173	1
1/29/2007	192	138	124	497	7
1/30/2007	90	88	129	292	3
1/31/2007	71	147	283	431	5
2/1/2007	49	81	108	236	2
2/2/2007	60	134	106	295	3
2/3/2007	16	58	83	152	0
2/4/2007	47	62	79	200	0
2/5/2007	108	125	101	324	0
2/6/2007	84	137	133	343	1
2/7/2007	97	111	104	316	3
2/8/2007	96	135	130	375	4
2/9/2007	65	89	114	239	1
2/10/2007	63	81	112	253	0
2/11/2007	49	53	63	169	2
2/12/2007	82	135	136	333	0
2/13/2007	72	114	114	314	1
2/14/2007	35	109	122	245	1
2/15/2007	68	95	116	276	3
2/16/2007	53	165	186	363	4
2/17/2007	15	80	90	172	1
2/18/2007	9	38	52	92	0
2/19/2007	61	73	101	224	1
2/20/2007	121	86	120	358	3

Date	Searches	Answers Viewed	Sessions	Hits	Web Questions
2/21/2007	49	102	143	279	4
2/22/2007	176	120	142	458	4
2/23/2007	18	93	123	223	0
2/24/2007	23	99	123	216	3
2/25/2007	23	98	101	202	0
2/26/2007	65	144	129	330	2
2/27/2007	130	169	146	448	4
2/28/2007	93	152	141	397	2
3/1/2007	39	84	147	238	2
3/2/2007	44	238	174	418	3
3/3/2007	42	103	119	230	0
3/4/2007	34	128	107	247	0
3/5/2007	88	159	267	479	2
3/6/2007	89	139	241	461	6
3/7/2007	76	130	286	440	2
3/8/2007	56	435	1,110	1,264	2
3/9/2007	43	91	123	239	3
3/10/2007	20	83	91	159	0
3/11/2007	48	92	200	249	0
3/12/2007	45	405	490	995	1
3/13/2007	112	109	150	346	2
3/14/2007	69	206	273	434	0
3/15/2007	106	146	136	348	1
3/16/2007	62	110	115	245	1
3/17/2007	14	146	143	246	0
3/18/2007	45	55	62	162	1
3/19/2007	70	74	184	316	3
3/20/2007	72	124	177	335	2
3/21/2007	71	180	177	380	1
3/22/2007	74	206	238	431	2
3/23/2007	63	179	233	383	0
3/24/2007	22	97	195	240	0
3/25/2007	30	100	156	246	0
3/26/2007	62	157	152	345	2
3/27/2007	97	201	240	490	3
3/28/2007	72	137	168	371	5
3/29/2007	100	118	166	383	5
3/30/2007	74	161	171	394	5
3/31/2007	17	145	314	351	1
TOTAL	6,365	11,076	13,928	30,556	179

Searches: The number of searches performed.

Answers Viewed: The total number of times Answers were viewed. This represents the number of Answer pages viewed. That is, if only one Answer was selected, but it was viewed ten times, the Answers Viewed value would be ten.

Sessions: The number of sessions for the time unit specified. A session is use of the end-user pages. A session ends when the end-user enters a 100% satisfaction rating for an Answer, submits an Ask a Question request, leaves the end-user pages, or a two-hour period of time has elapsed, whichever comes first.

Hits: The number of page turns during the time period selected for the report.

Web Questions: The number of questions generated from an Ask a Question request.

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APPENDIX A: FEDERAL REGISTER SUMMARIES

FINAL RULES

“Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR) for Public Water Systems Revisions; Final Rule” January 4, 2007 (72 FR 367)

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, requires EPA to establish criteria for a program to monitor unregulated contaminants and to publish a list of contaminants to be monitored every five years. EPA published the first set of contaminants in 1999. This final regulation meets the SDWA requirement by publishing the next set of unregulated contaminants to be monitored and the requirements for such monitoring.

This final rule describes the design for the second Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR) cycle (i.e., UCMR 2) of 2007-2011. EPA is requiring monitoring of 25 chemicals using 5 different analytical methods. UCMR 2 monitoring will occur during 2008-2010. Implementation of this final rule will benefit the environment by providing EPA and other interested parties with scientifically valid data on the occurrence of these contaminants in drinking water, thereby permitting the assessment of the population potentially being exposed and the levels of that exposure. These data are the primary source of occurrence and exposure data for EPA to determine whether to regulate these contaminants.

The effective date for this action is February 5, 2007.

“Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act; National Primary Drinking Water Regulations; and National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations; Analysis and Sampling Procedures; Final Rule” March 12, 2007 (72 FR 11199)

This rule modifies the testing procedures approved for analysis and sampling under the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA proposed these changes for public comment on August 18, 2003, and April 6, 2004. This rule also changes regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act that establish drinking water sampling and analysis procedures. The changes include approval of vendor-developed methods, new EPA and Voluntary Consensus Standard Body (VCSB) methods, updated VCSB methods, and approval of a modification to the test kit used with Syngenta Method AG-625 that restricts its use in certain circumstances.

CORRECTIONS

“Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR) for Public Water Systems Revisions; Correction” January 26, 2007 (72 FR 3916)

EPA published this correction to the UCMR 2 for Table 1 in 40 CFR 141.40(a)(3).

**“Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR) for Public Water Systems Revisions”
January 30, 2007 (72 FR 4328)**

EPA published a correction to the billing code that appeared in the Friday, January 26, 2007 correction notice.

NOTICES

**“Safe Drinking Water Act Determination; Underground Injection Control Program, Determination of Indian Country Status for Purposes of Underground Injection Control Program Permitting”
February 26, 2007 (72 FR 8380)**

This notice announces the availability of EPA's Land Status Determination, which concludes that the approximately 160 acres of land located in the southeast portion of Section 8, Township 16N, Range 16W, in the State of New Mexico (the Section 8 land), is part of a dependent Indian community under 18 U.S.C. 1151(b) and, thus, considered to be “Indian country.” EPA is therefore the appropriate agency to consider underground injection control permit applications under the Safe Drinking Water Act for that land.

**“Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program; EPA ICR No. 0370.19; OMB Control No. 2040-0042”
February 28, 2007 (72 FR 8983)**

The Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program under the Safe Drinking Water Act established a federal and state regulatory system to protect underground sources of drinking water from contamination by injected fluids. Owners or operators of underground injection wells must obtain permits, conduct environmental monitoring, maintain records, and report results to EPA or the state UIC primacy agency. States must report to EPA on permittee compliance and related information. The mandatory information is reported using standardized forms and annual reports, and the regulations are codified at 40 CFR Parts 144 through 148. The data are used by UIC authorities to ensure the protection of underground sources of drinking water.

**“Notice of a Second Workshop on the Development of Regulations for Aircraft Public Water Systems”
March 8, 2007 (72 FR 10528)**

EPA held a second workshop on the development of regulations for aircraft public water systems. This workshop will provide information about recent activities and an overview of approaches for the proposed Aircraft Drinking Water Rule. This is the second workshop in a series designed to gain perspectives from representatives from industry, government, public interest groups, and the general public.

The workshop was held in Washington, D.C. on March 28-29, 2007.

**"Formal Reopening of the EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room"
November 24, 2006 (71 FR 67864)**

The EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) houses eight consolidated paper docket facilities and includes a Public Reading Room, offering a variety of tools for members of the public seeking access to hardcopy or electronic public dockets. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room, which was temporarily closed due to flooding, formally reopened on November 6, 2006. Current information on docket operations, locations, and telephone numbers is available on the EPA Docket Center Web site at www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.

The Water Docket, including all docket information pertaining to SDWA regulations, is one of the affected dockets. The URL is www.epa.gov/ow/docket.html.

**"Notice of Approval of the Primacy Application for National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for the State of Kansas"
December 11, 2006 (71 FR 71542)**

EPA has determined to approve an application by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to incorporate the following EPA National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Arsenic and Clarifications to Compliance and New Source Contaminants Monitoring; Consumer Confidence Reports Rule; Filter Backwash Recycling Rule; Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule; Lead and Copper Rule Minor Revisions; Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule; Public Notification Rule; Radionuclides Rule; and Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule. EPA has determined that Kansas's regulations are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations and that Kansas continues to meet all requirements for primary enforcement responsibility.

The effective date for this action was January 10, 2007

**"Notice of Approval of the Primacy Application for National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for the State of Nebraska"
December 11, 2006 (71 FR 71541)**

EPA has determined to approve an application by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to incorporate the following EPA National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Arsenic and Clarifications to Compliance and New Source Monitoring Rule; Filter Backwash Recycling Rule; Lead and Copper Rule Minor Revisions; Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule; Public Notification Rule; Radionuclides Rule; and Variance and Exemption Rule.

The effective date for this action was January 10, 2007.

**"Semiannual Regulatory Agenda, Fall 2006"
December 11, 2006 (71 FR 73848)**

EPA publishes the semiannual regulatory agenda to update the public about regulations and major policies currently under development, reviews of existing regulations and major policies, and rules and major policymakings completed or canceled since the last agenda.

**"Total Coliform Rule / Distribution System Stakeholder Technical Workshop and Request for Nominations"
December 28, 2006 (71 FR 78203)**

EPA held a technical workshop in Washington, DC, to discuss available information on the Total Coliform Rule (TCR) and available information regarding risks in distribution systems in support of revisions to the TCR. If results from the workshop indicate that a formal consensus building process is appropriate for the revision effort, the Agency will consider establishing a Committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide advice and recommendations on how best to utilize available information for potential revisions to the TCR and to address public health risks from contamination of distribution systems. In addition, such a Committee could provide recommendations to determine if further information is needed to be collected to address health risks associated with distribution systems.

To prepare in advance for the potential establishment of a Federal Advisory Committee, EPA is soliciting nominations for membership on the Committee in this notice.

The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, through Thursday, February 1, 2007. Submit nominations for a potential Federal Advisory Committee on or before January 29, 2007.